

BEST PRACTICES



November 2025



2025 TACL CONFERENCE - REFLECTING ON THE SUCCESS

We had a great time in Monroe County on October 15-17 for our 2025 TACL Conference. From a pre-tour of the underground Lost Sea to Wine Tasting at the Tsali Notch Winery for our Awards Dinner. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions provided new ideas, creative approaches to issues, and opportunities to meet new peers to call for advice. Each element of the Conference had the attendees networking and sharing time, as well as best practices with each other. Three outstanding TACL Award recipients were also recognized for their commitment to community.

Mark your calendar for our 2026 TACL Conference, hosted by Obion County in West Tennessee on October 14-16. The theme will be "The Big Picture." Plan to bring your key Board members with you, as the number attending continues to increase each year.

The following pictures give you a visual of the 2025 TACL Conference.





At Thursday night's Awards Dinner, TACL recognized excellence in three categories and the winners were:



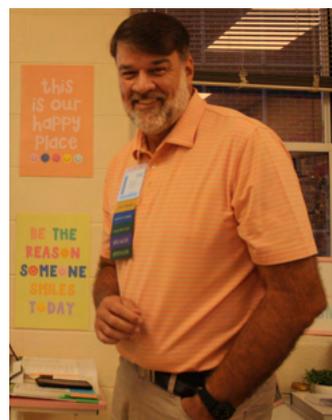
Lowell Beller, Leadership Jackson Alumni Association
2025 Servant Leadership Award



Tammy White, Leadership Knoxville, Inc.
2025 Robert M. Smith Outstanding TN Leadership Educator Award



Leadership Roane County
2025 Outstanding Leadership Program



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WHAT THEY Said about us



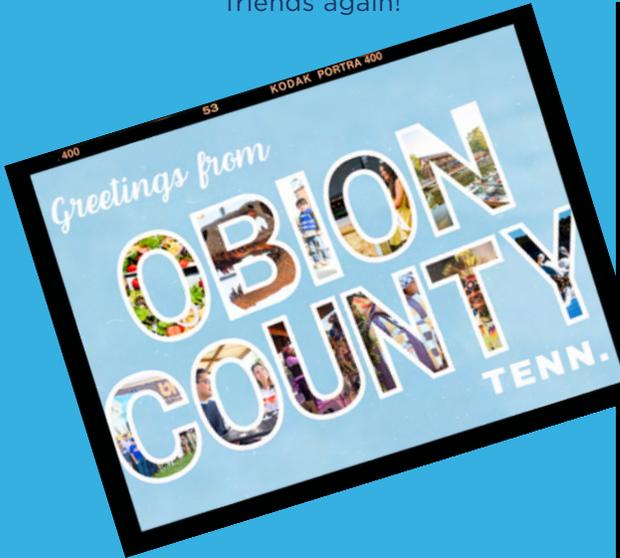
**Melinda Hale, Board Chair 2026
Leadership Cocke County**

This was my first TACL conference and I will honestly say definitely won't be my last! As an upcoming Leadership Cocke County Board Chair, I needed so much information and ideas to help me accomplish not only the task but help our leadership to grow! I gained not only the knowledge and ideas I was looking for, but new friends whose goals are likewise. This thing we call Leadership...it impacts not only our individual communities and our state, but impacts our own personal lives and jobs. Each speaker and workshop delivered ideas, mutual problem solving directions and way to incorporate alumni and gain new members as well. I am looking forward to the next conference and seeing new friends again!



**Libby Wickersham, TNCCE,
Pres. & CEO
Greater Gibson County Area
Chamber of Commerce**

Attending the TACL conference each fall has proven to be so beneficial to our program over the years. As a leadership program co-director for ten years, the sessions and material can sometimes feel dull and stagnant, and having this network of "friends in the business" to learn from helps us bring new and fresh ideas to our program days. Through the TACL organization, Gibson County Leadership was able to start a new program this past year dedicated to our older and/or retired residents. It was a smashing success, and we attribute that success to the funding and support we received from TACL.



For budget planning for 2026, your TACL Membership Investment:

Leadership Program - \$100

Additional Leadership Programs - \$50 each (youth, seniors, alumni association, etc.)

Individual Member - \$50 | Business Member - \$250



For Additional Information about TACL,

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